

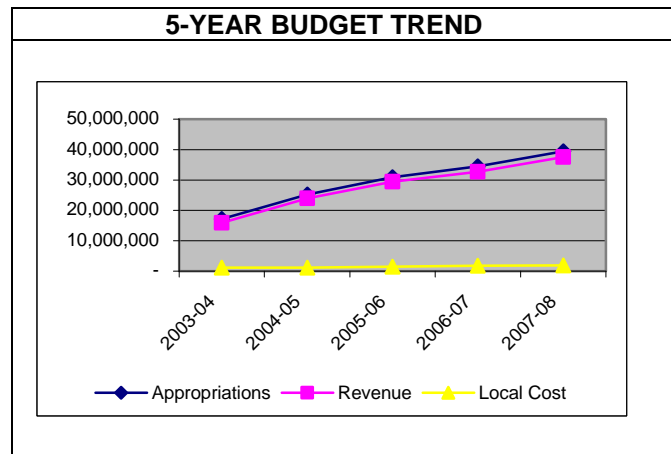
Aid to Adoptive Children

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

This program provides financial assistance to adoptive parents who would otherwise not be able to provide for a child's special needs. The children, on whose behalf monies are paid, are either personally disadvantaged, physically handicapped or adolescents. This program enables hard to place children to be adopted and taken out of the higher cost Foster Care program. This budget is funded approximately 42% Federal, 43% State, with the remaining costs offset by revenue from the Social Services Realignment and local county general fund.

There is no staffing associated with this budget unit.

BUDGET HISTORY



PERFORMANCE HISTORY

	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Modified Budget	2006-07 Estimate
Appropriation	20,019,351	24,803,158	29,040,361	34,457,874	33,568,098
Departmental Revenue	18,730,791	23,791,527	27,528,291	32,678,455	31,788,679
Local Cost	1,288,560	1,011,631	1,512,070	1,779,419	1,779,419

In the four-year period from 2003-04 through 2006-07, expenditures and revenue in this program have increased 67%. In that time, caseload has increased 45% and the average cost per case has increased 15%. The individual grant amounts can change from year to year based on the severity of the needs of each child.

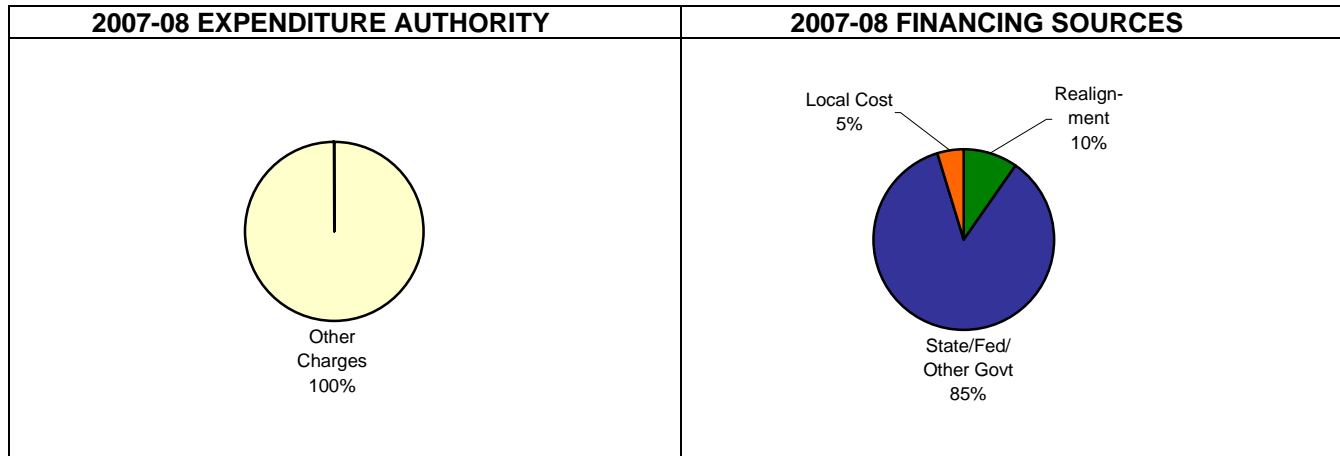
The growth in this program is attributed to state legislation, which became effective January 1, 2000. This legislation (AB390) encourages and promotes the adoption of eligible children. It requires that the county provide prospective adoptive families with information on the availability of benefits, as well as reimbursement for nonrecurring expenses in the adoption of an eligible child. There is no financial means test used to determine an adoptive family's eligibility for the program. Increased average cost per case is a result of the successful placement of more children with special needs and the higher costs associated with their care.

This program is 85% funded by federal and state revenue, with a 15% local share. The local share is funded with a combination of Social Services Realignment and the general fund.

Expenditures are projected to be \$890,000 under appropriation for 2006-07. This can be attributed to the fact that caseload increases and case costs both increased more gradually than projected. Less revenue was received than what was budgeted as a result of the lower expenditures.



ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED BUDGET



GROUP: Human Services
DEPARTMENT: Aid to Adoptive Children
FUND: General

BUDGET UNIT: AAB ATC
FUNCTION: Public Assistance
ACTIVITY: Aid Programs

	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Estimate	2006-07 Final Budget	2007-08 Proposed Budget	Change From 2006-07 Final Budget
Appropriation							
Other Charges	20,019,351	24,803,158	29,040,361	33,568,098	34,457,874	39,467,626	5,009,752
Total Appropriation	20,019,351	24,803,158	29,040,361	33,568,098	34,457,874	39,467,626	5,009,752
Departmental Revenue							
Realignment	1,978,773	2,770,241	2,832,775	3,182,693	3,379,498	3,848,971	469,473
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	16,752,018	20,965,134	24,695,516	28,605,986	29,298,957	33,731,502	4,432,545
Other Revenue	-	56,152	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	18,730,791	23,791,527	27,528,291	31,788,679	32,678,455	37,580,473	4,902,018
Local Cost	1,288,560	1,011,631	1,512,070	1,779,419	1,779,419	1,887,153	107,734

Other charges of \$39.5 million represent assistance to adoptive parents who would otherwise not be able to provide for a child's special needs.

Projected expenditures for 2007-08 are based on 46,208 total annual cases, an 11% increase over 2006-07. Average monthly aid payments are projected to be \$854, a 6% increase over 2006-07. Continued growth in caseload and the average monthly aid payments is due to the success of the aforementioned legislation.

The local share required in 2007-08 is \$5,736,124, an 11% increase or \$577,207 over 2006-07. Of this amount, the general fund contributes \$1,887,153 and Social Services Realignment contributes \$3,848,971.

